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VSF PROBE DIGS DEEPER

Outside help, in the form of the Fraud Squad, might have to be called in to solve the mystery of the missing Junior League accounts books.

VSF Chairman Mr Vito Cilauro indicated as much this week when he said that the investigation he had started would have to be widened to cover not only the disappearance of the books in the middle of last October, but also to look into financial transactions with clubs as well.

Both he and VSF Executive Director Mr George Wallace have been collecting evidence and receipts from outsiders and appreciate now that the investigation will probably extend much farther back than last year.

However, Mr Cilauro feels that his first duty is to his Board of Management and he will be discussing the matter fully with them before taking any drastic action such as calling in the Fraud Squad.

The problem with that stance is that the Board members and the non-elected officers of the VSF have been aware of the scandal for months and most were unwilling to deal with it, probably hoping that it would go away.

But the unpalatable fact is that the scandal is now the main topic of conversation where soccer people meet and the longer this state of affair continues, the worse it is going to be for the good name of Victorian soccer.

When he first ordered the investigation, on his return from holidays last month Mr Cilauro said that if the Board didn't back him up and take action to clean up the mess, all the Board member should resign.

I asked him this week if he would confirm whether or not he had asked one prominent Board member to resign and he said he had not.

"I discussed his position with him at some length," he said, "and I advised him

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● Marvellous Markovski — matchwinner again.

UNDERDOGS STRIKE BACK

THE NSL's underdogs had their day last weekend, as four of the five bottom clubs all pulled off surprise victories.

Heidelberg stunned high-flying Sydney Croatia with a fine 2-0 win, Adelaide City shocked Wollongong, South's conquerer the week before, George Cross grabbed a 2-0 away win over Melbourne

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SNIPPETS

WHAT PRICE PATRIOTISM?

By LES SHORROCK

I WAS shocked to read that Frank Farina had demanded $10,000 a game to play for his country in the forthcoming World Cup qualifiers, claiming that was the amount he would be out of pocket, if he missed playing for his Belgian club, Brugge.

I am even more shocked, though, to read that the ASF will pay both Farina and Eddie Krncevic $10,000 for each game they play.

'Is this the ASF that is nearly a million in debt?

What happens after we fail to qualify?

I suppose all the small clubs all over the country will eventually have to bail the ASF out when the bills come in after the World Cup bid is over.

It is this sort of economic stupidity that almost tempts one to hope that we don't succeed in qualifying for Italy in 1990.

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THE TRANSFER MARKET GOES MAD

Amidst all the sound and fury generated last season that eventually led to the resignation of VSF Chairman Jack Reilly, one important re-commendation by the forward planning committee that sank without trace was the one suggesting all the clubs in the divisions below Victorian Div. One, should become amateur.

The Gang of Five dissident clubs that manoeuvered to over-throw Reilly and reduced the AGM to a noisy farce threw out the baby with the bathwater, and now the chickens are coming home to roost, if you'll pardon the mixed metaphors.

State League clubs, seeking fresh talent in the lower leagues are out-raged at the figures being put on the heads of players, some of whom have played at no higher grade than Victorian Third Div.

"They are talking tele-phone numbers," said one aggrieved State League club President to me re-cently.

His club, having had some unsatisfactory dealings with visa players from the UK had decided to give up the import business and buy Aus-tralian.

But now, after weeks of negotiating with lower division clubs without success, the same club is prepared to look for a couple of imports after all.

"They cost you less in the long run," was this Pre-sident's considered judgment.

The process of team-building is being made worse by the attitude of some players who have been cast-off by the local NSL clubs.

Some of these blokes must have had tickets on themselves.

As one of my favorite State League coaches said to me recently "there are players hawking them-selves around and asking for four-figure sums to sign-on who wouldn't get a game in a Churches League back in Scotland.

"They are happy enough to come out here in the first place, just for the fare, but once they come to appreciate the shortage of competent players here, their demands for re-signing become out-rageously high."

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THE ANTI-MELBOURNE JUGGERNAUT ROLLS ON

The ineffable Stefan Kamasz was at it again last week.

The ex-NSL manager is a soccer non-person these days, but that didn't deter that strange newspaper ***The Australian*** from giving him the space for a weekly ghosted column.

The OZ recently lured away from the ***Sydney Morning Herald*** a very competent real soccer journalist in Ray Gatt, but Kamasz gets more space than Gatt!

It's real Murdoch-style journalism, of course, as we see here in Melbourne where the ***Herald*** employs so many non-professional sports writers and continues to go down the gurgler in con-sequence.

But I digress.

I don't care either about the OZ's strange staffing priorities or about the amount of space Kamasz gets in our only national newspaper.

What I do care about is Kamasz' obsession for Melbourne-bashing (a popular theme with Oz journalists. . . read Jeff Wells some time).

In his zeal to put Mel-bourne soccer in a bad light, Kamasz leaves no stone unturned and he is even prepared to bend the facts to suit his case.

Talking about the recent visit of Malmo, he com-pared the crowd at Olympic Park with that at the Parramatta Stadium, quoting an attendance of "less than 2000 in Melbourne" and "over 7000 in Sydney".

The figures are grossly distorted and they are just untrue.

The Olympic Park figure was 2950, and his own newspaper gave the Sydney figure as 5900.

There were extenuating circumstances where Olympic Park was con-cerned, such as the train strike and the presence of a certain Torvill and Dean across the road that Kamasz didn't bother to mention, because they wouldn't have helped his case.

As usual, he went on to say happily, the decision to take the World Cup qualifying games away from Melbourne is a correct one.

But as I say this, Kamasz is a nonentity, and even though his opinions are irritating, they don't really matter.

What does matter, though, is the opinion of that egregious newly-appointed jack-in-office, Chairman of the ASF Ian Brusasco.

When it comes to shooting from the hip he makes Sam Papasavas sound like a Trappist monk.

He was talking about taking International matches to Adelaide and Perth!

Why not Darwin, while you're about it Ian?

I had a conversation with ASF Secretary Alan Vessey soon after his appintment which quickly convinced me that under the present Sydney-biased hierarchy Melbourne fans face a bleak future as far as representative games are concerned.

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MEETING BETWEEN NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE AND THE AUSTRALIAN SOCCER REFEREES' FEDERATION REGARDING CROWD DISTURBANCES

Following a meeting between officials of the Australian Soccer Referees' Federation and the National Soccer League regarding recent incidents at National Soccer League matches, the following points have been agreed upon:

1. Both the National Soccer League and the Australian Soccer Referees' Federation condemn the actions of individual persons who enter the field of play or otherwise, intent on physical attack upon match officials or players.

2. Further both parties condemn the actions of groups of persons who enter soccer grounds for reasons o ther than to watch soccer matches.

3. The National Soccer League has resolved to continue to strongly enforce the provisions of the Regulations applying to Ground Security at National Soccer League Grounds.

4. The National Soccer League will take strong action against players, officials and Clubs whose actions might tend to incite violence on or off the field of play.

The National Soccer League further fully supports the Referees appointment system applied to the 1988 and 1989 Soccer Season.

The National Soccer League reinforces the actions introduced to curb violent play for the 1988 and 1989 seasons and will support referees fully in their actions against

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● Frank Farina

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offending and dissenting players.

It has been resolved that a Meeting of National Soccer League Coaches and Referees will be convened within the next two weeks to discuss any matters of concern, ensuring better understanding of the application of the rules.

The media release quoted in full above landed on my desk late last week.

After the vilence of the previous weekend, graphically highlighted by the Sydney Morning Herald photographs which we printed, I waited im-patiently to read of some strong action being taken. . . but I should have known better.

Obviously the usual duck-shoving has been going on, you'll notice that the release is unsigned, and although it purports to be the outcome of a meeting between the Aus-tralian Referees Feder-ation and the NSL, it doesn't tell us whowas present.

In fact, the whole communication smacks of pious humbug, which overstates the obvious and ducks all the hard ques-tions.

Of course both parties to the meeting condemns actions of individual per-sons who enter the field unlawfully. . . who doesn't?

I was so intrigued by the vagueness of the communication that I rang the NSL office and asked NSL Manager Peter Russell a few questions.

What I got was a barrage of "don't quote me's" and "this is off the record", so I won't embarrass Russell by quoting him, but this what I gleaned from the con-versation.

Forget about paragraph No.1, that's just window-dressing.

As far as paragraph 2 is concerned, if you think that action is going to be taken against ethnic groups going to matches carrying national flags with the intention of stirring other ethnic groups, don't be naive, nothing is going to be done.

What do you expect, when the League is based on ethnic lines?

Then we come to the matter of ground security, where the NSL stoutly says it will "continue to strongly enforce the pro-visions of the regulations applying to ground security at NSL grounds"... I quote.

● Eddie Krncevic

No action is going to be taken to raise the fence at Blacktown. . . it would be too expensive.

Besides, Marconi's fence is just as in-adequate, but then Marconi is a very in-fluential club, so you can be sure that no instruc-tions will be issued to Sydney clubs in general to do anything about im-proving their fencing.

When I asked Russell whether the Executive in-tended to take any action against a fellow Execu-tive member Nick Papallo, the President of the Apia club who has been quoted extensively in the news-papers criticising referee Arthur Owens, I ran into a wall of evasion.

"What comments," said he blithely, rather taking my breath away.

"I don't have time to read the papers," he went on, "and until someone reports the matter I can't take action."

The mind boggles. . . didn't any New South Wales referee at this anonymous meeting have the guts to complain that Pappallo had been slagging a fellow referee?

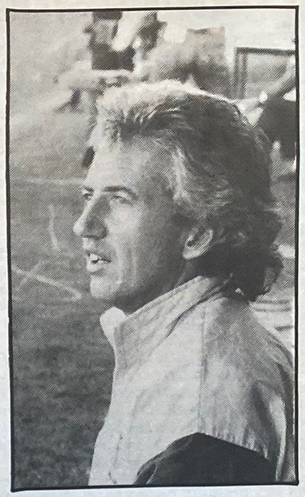
Not to mention Pappallo's club coach Michael Urukalo, who has been slinging off to all and sundry about the standard of refereeing, even before the Blacktown episode.

What Pappallo and Urukalo have been saying to the Press has practi-cally condoned the action of their supporters who ran on the ground to attack the referee.

But the closing remarks in the release make the best reading, where the NSL pontificates about supporting the referees' appointment system.

What will happen, you'll probably find, is that Arthur Owens will be shuffled off and then quietly dropped from the list.

The whole document is nothing more than a load of waffle.



● Michael Urukalo

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SPRINGVALE & NORTHCOTE SHOW INITIATIVE

Two State League clubs who have shown con-siderable initiative already are Springvale City and Northcote City.

Springvale has secured a $20,000 sponsorship from Specialised Lamps, for whom Springvale

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ROUND EIGHT DETAILS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 SOUTH MELBOURNE 3(Petersen 47th,Postecoglou pen.50th,Trimboli 84th)
At Sydney Football Stadium,Friday.Crowd 3819.
Referee P.Spiers.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC:*Meier - Hooker,Bernal,Ironside, Spyridakos - Pontidas,Raskopoulos,Polak(Phillips 30th),Lee - Soper,McGarry.Coach Eddie Thomson.*
SOUTH MELBOURNE:*McLaren - Healy,Fernandes,Blair, Postecoglou - Wade,Mori,Petersen(Russell 75th), Tsolakis - Trimboli,Taliodoros(Donnelly 85th). Coach Brian Garvey.*

MELBOURNE JUST (Deankovic 25th) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 2(Spink 23rd,Markovski 35th)
At Schintler Reserve,Saturday.Crowd 4500.
Referee J.Rossis.Sent off Deankovic(MJ)Smith(PM).
Cautions Deankovic,Tapai,Murphy,Dimoski(MJ), Piculovski,Slifkas(PM).
MELBOURNE JUST:*Nikitovic - Fabrizio,Durakovic, van Egmond,Mitrovski-Durakovic,Tapai,Crino,Murphy, Palatsides,Dimoski.Coach Ilija Dimoski.*
PRESTON MAKEDONIA:*Traianides-Roodhouse,Jackson, Piculovski,Jolevski - Taseski,Zinni(Smith 59th), Slifkas,Markovski - Spink,Markovac(Runje 59th. Coach Andon Doncevski.*

MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 2 (Latif 29th,3rd)
At Somers St.Saturday.Crowd 5500.Referee T.McRoe
Sent off Marth(GX) Caution Talajic(MC).
MELBOURNE CROATIA:*Olver - Davidson,Cannell, Donnelly,Opasinis - Talajic,Duzel,Biskic,Caleta - Kelic(Selemides 65th),Awaritefe. Coach Ivan Raznevjic.*
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS:*Keogh -Waddell,Marth, Kotzamichalis,Parton - Ketsakides,Carter(McLaren 29th),Faulkner,Lennon(Taylor 85th) - Lewis,Latif. Coach John Gardiner.*

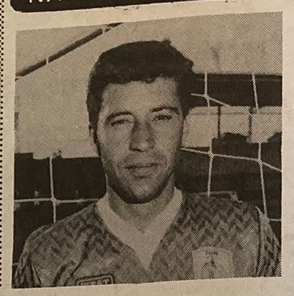
MELBOURNE JUST 1(Deankovic 27th) PRESTON MAKEDONIA (Spink 23rd, Markovski 35th)
At Schintler Reserve,Saturday.Referee J.Rossis
Sent off, Smith (P),Deankovic (MJ).Cautions Mitrovski,Deankovic,Murphy,Dimoski(MJ),Slifkas, Piculovski(P).
MELBOURNE JUST:*Nikitovic - Fabrizio,Durakovic, van Egmond,Mitrovski-Deankovic,Tapai (Lazopoulos 76th),Crino,Murphy - Palatsides,Dimoski. Coach Ilija Dimoski.*
PRESTON MAKEDONIA:*Traianides -Roodhouse,Jackson, Piculovski,Jolevski - Taseski,Zinni(Smith 59th), Slifkas,Markovski - Spink,Markovac(Runje 70th). Coach Andon Doncevski.*

MARCONI 4(Nastevski 19th,37th,McCulloch 41st, Colagiuri 68th) BLACKTOWN 1 (Jee 56th).
At Marconi Stadium,Saturday.Referee J.McConnell.
MARCONI:*Catlin - Carter,Wheatley,Calderan,De Marigny - Gray,McCulloch,Katholos(Gomez 77th), Lowe -de Jong(Colagiuri 64th),Nastevski. Coach Berti Mariani.*
BLACKTOWN:*Watson - Naumov,G.Sterrey(Gibson HT), Reynolds,Northam - Odzakov,L.Sterrey, Meier, Divljak (Bennett 70th) - Arambasic,Jee. Coach Les Scheinflug.*

APIA LEICHHARDT 1(Murray 16th) ST.GEORGE 2 (Ollerenshaw pen.67th,Koczka 75th)
At Lambert Park,Sunday.Referee D.Campbell.
Cautions Koczka,Ratcliffe,Ollerenshaw(St.G). Mason(A)
APIA LEICHHARDT:*Pezzano - Cosentino(Franze 71st) M.Brown,O'Connor,Webber - Mason,Hagan,Ellam,Ricoy - Kosmina(Blagojevic 59th),Murray. Coach Michael Urukalo.*
ST.GEORGE:*Gibson-Green, Koczka,Ratcliffe,Grbevski - O'Shea,Ilic(Krislovic 63rd,Moffitt(Harper 80th), Pottier - Ollerenshaw,Bingley.Coach Dez Marton.*

WOLLONGONG 0 ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Maxwell 60th)
At Brandon Park,Sunday.Referee R.Davies.
WOLLONGONG:*Young - Skeen,Morlando,Vlietstra, Hollifield - Kotamanides,Giraldi,Bonetig,Crainie -Easthorpe,Brodnik. Coach John Fleming.*
ADELAIDE CITY:*Zabica - Naven,Ivanovic,Flounders, Tobin - Melta,Villani,Santrac,Vidmar - Maxwell, Mullen.Coach Zoran Matic.*

NATIONAL LEAGUE ROUND-UP



● Zlatko Nastevski (Marconi), joint top goalscorer.

GOAL SCORERS

8.Kelic(MCr) Nastevski(Mar)
5.Ollerenshaw(Jp.St.G) Spink(MJ)
4.Latif(GX) Markovski(PM)
3.Bingley(StG) Dimoski (MC) Easthorpe(W) Gray(Mar) Kosmina(Ap) Mori(SM) Mullen(AC) Postecoglou(SM) Soper(SO)
2.Arnold(SC) Awaritefe(MC) Biskic(MC) Brown(Ap) Crino(MJ) de Jong(Mar) Hagan(Ap) Hasler(GX) Koczka(St.G) Lewis(GX) Lowe(Mar) McCulloch(Mar) McKinna(Bl) Maxwell(AC) Melta(AC) Slater(SC) Stubbins(Heid) Trimboli(SM) van Blerk(Bl) Zinni(PM)
1.Bernal(SO) Brodnik(W) Calderan(Mar) Caleta(MC) Colagiuri(Mar) Crainie(W) Deankovic(MJ) Denyer(Bl) Faulkner(GX) Flounders(AC) Foster(SM) Hunter(SC) Ingham(SC) Ironside(SO) Jee(Bl) Lazopoulos(MJ) Lee(SO) McGarry(SO) Markovac(PM) Milosevic(MC) Murray(Ap) Naumov(Bl) Odzakov(Bl) Ousalkas(Heid) Palatsides(MC) Petersen(SM) Radoslavjevic(Ap) Raynes(Heid) Ricoy(Ap) Selemides(MCr) Skeen(W) Sterrey.G(Bl) Stewart(Heid) Theodosopoulos(H) Tsolakis(SM) Vial(AC)

Youth Ladder

George Cross	7	6	1	0	23	9	13
Preston Mak.	8	6	0	2	33	11	12
Altona Gate	8	6	0	2	13	4	12
South Melbourne	6	4	0	2	25	9	8
Caulfield City	7	3	2	2	14	11	8
Heidelberg	6	3	1	2	11	10	7
Melb.Croatia	6	3	0	3	9	9	6
Clifton Hill	6	2	1	3	9	16	5
Melb.JUST	6	1	2	3	5	9	4
Clayton	8	1	2	5	9	27	4
Malvern City	6	0	1	5	7	26	1
Waverley United	6	0	0	6	7	24	0

NSL Ladder

MARCONI	8	6	1	1	20	7	13
ST.GEORGE	8	5	2	1	10	6	12
PRESTON MAKEDONIA	8	5	1	2	12	7	11
SYDNEY CROATIA	8	4	2	2	6	4	10
WOLLONGONG	8	3	2	3	7	5	8
Melbourne Croatia	8	3	2	3	15	14	8
George Cross	8	3	2	3	9	8	8
APIA Leichhardt	8	3	2	3	10	12	8
South Melbourne	8	3	1	4	11	9	7
Sydney Olympic	8	2	3	3	8	8	7
Blacktown City	8	3	1	4	10	20	7
Adelaide City	8	2	1	5	9	12	5
Melbourne JUST	8	1	2	5	8	12	4
Heidelberg United	8	2	0	6	6	17	4

National Youth League Results — Round Eight

MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 4
MELBOURNE JUST 2 PRESTON MAKEDONIA 5
CLAYTON 0 ALTONA GATE 6
MALVERN CITY 1 SOUTH MELBOURNE 3
WAVERLEY UNITED 2 CLIFTON HILL 6
HEIDELBERG UNITED & CAULFIELD CITY BYES

Fixtures Round Nine

SOUTH MELBOURNE v MELBOURNE CROATIA
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS v MELBOURNE JUST
PRESTON MAKEDONIA v HEIDELBERG UNITED
CLIFTON HILL v MALVERN CITY
WAVERLEY UNITED v CLAYTON
CAULFIELD CITY & ALTONA GATE byes

NSL REPORTS

Sun shines on the Saints

APIA LEICHH. 1 (Murray 16th) ST GEORGE 2 (Ollerenshaw pen. 67th, Koczka 75th)

A ray of sunlight helped earn maximum points for St George in its 2-1 win over Apia Leichhardt in the match at Lambert Park on Sunday.

Apia keeper Tony Pezzano dived to smother an Andy Koczka free kick in the 75th minute but lost sight of the ball in the late afternoon sun and it rolled through his hands over the line.

Pezzano had waged a lone war against the St George attack in stopping shots from Scott Ollerenshaw, Matt Bingley, Mike Grbevski and David Ratcliffe.

Apia had shocked the high-placed Saints by taking a 16th minute lead when striker Peter Murray planted a quick cross from John Kosmina past St George keeper Mike Gibson.

The Saints moved into top gear at the start of the second half but could not level the scores until Ollerenshaw converted a penalty in the 67th minute after Ratcliffe was pulled down in the area.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● *PETER MURRAY*

"It is the first time we have won anNSL match while coach Frank Arok was absent," acting St George coach Dez Marton said.

"I wasn't worried before the game but it was a different matter at half time and I told the players to start chasing and marking more closely."

It was the first NSL match as coach for Marton, who was a consistent scorer for St George in his playing days.

Bingley and Grbevski had repeatedly cut through the Apia attack with long bustling runs but the team strikers wasted shot after shot.

Pezzano tipped two attempts away for corners and St George put the ball into the side net and over the bar in the first ten minutes of the second half as the visitors took charge.

Apia striker Peter Murray grabbed every chance to break free and was highly effective in the first half but lacked support in the second period as the Apia defence tried to hold out.

Referee Don Campbell booked four players, mostly for professional fouls, but was untroubled to keep control.

The win moves St George into second, one point behind competition leader Marconi.

CROATIA CAN'T TAKE A TRICK

MELB. CROATIA 0 SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 2 (Latif 29th & 33rd) Sunshine George Cross defeated Melbourne Croatia 2-1 at the Croatian Sports Centre on Saturday, despite Croatia dominating.

Melbourne's inability to convert chances in front of goal cost the home side dearly.

Even after George Cross was reduced to 10 in the 58th minute when Andrew Marth was sent off for an incident involving Croatia's Francis Awaritefe, Melbourne Croatia still could not find a way through the solid George Cross defence.

Ossie Latif, a former Croatia player, scored two magnificent goals in the space of four minutes to wrap up the points for Georgie.

As the temperature soared into the mid-thirties Melbourne Croatia continued to push forward in a bid to make amends for last week's loss, but each attempt was denied by George Cross 'keeper, Sean Keogh.

Twenty minutes into the match Melbourne Croatia's Ivan Duzel came closest to scoring after a string of half-chances were wasted.

Josep Biskic took a corner from the right, which was punched clear by Keogh. The ball landed to Duzel, who was lurking around the penalty-area.

Duzel hit the ball with his in step but could not stop it rising only centimetres above the woodwork.

Nine minutes later George Cross struck its first of two goals through Latif.

Chris Ketsakides pushed the ball on the left to Latif who turned Croatia's Stuart Cannell then curled a glorious shot past 'keeper Jeff Olver and the far post.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● *SEAN KEOGH*

Disaster hit Croatia only four minutes later when Latif, who was making a welcoming return from last week's suspension, scored another spectacular goal.

Latif thundered a free-kick from outside the box past a six-man wall and into Olver's top left-hand corner of the net.

Much to everyone's surprise George Cross was no leading 2-0 after only two attacks on the opposition goal.

In the 58th minute George Cross was forced to defend its lead with one man less as Marth was given his marching orders for attempting to strike Awaritefe.

As if there was no tomorrow Croatia bombarded the George Cross goalmouth with every ounce of energy it had in reserve, but Keogh was equal to the task every time.

Croatia's two losses on the trot has sent the once high-flying team tumbling out of the five whilst George Cross, a team widely tipped during the pre-season as a prime relegation candidate, is proudly occupying fifth on the ladder.

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Adcity springs surprise win

W'GONG 0 ADCITY 1 (Maxwell 60th)

Adelaide City defended for long periods but still went home with two points after downing Wollongong City 1-0 in Sunday's match at Brandon Park.

A goal after an hour's play, from striker Steve Maxwell, gave the visitors a surprise win.

It came against the run of play after Wollongong had been exerting pressure at the other end of the field.

Midfielder Adrian Santric slipped a simple pass into the path of Maxwell 30 metres out and the big striker outpaced Wolves defender Peter Kotamanidis to slam the ball into the roof of the net from eight metres.

Wollongong forced 15 corners but lacked the authority to punish the Adelaide defence in a number of goal mouth mix-ups.

Adelaide coach Zoran Matic said new Yugoslav import Milan Ivanovic had made a big difference to his team.

Matic said Ivanovic, formerly with Red Star Belgrade, was the main reason Wollongong didn't score.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● *STEVE MAXWELL*

"He reads the game very well and will be a big asset to me in the next few weeks," Matic said.

The Adelaide coach also revealed he had been trying to sign a West German first division player from Stuttgart, but the deal had fallen through because the player could not find a university spot in Adelaide.

Wolves coach John Fleming was disappointed, but did offer excuses.

Striker Pat Brodnik withdrew through illness two hours before the kick-off and in-form midfielder Danny Crainie had to be replaced in the second half with a thigh injury.

Fleming said the set-backs emphasised the lack of depth within the Wollongong club.

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'BERGERS BOUNCE BACK UP

HEIDELBERG 2 (Stubbins 44th, Ousalkas 81st) SYD. CROATIA 0

Bottom of the ladder Heidelberg United began its promised revival with a 2-0 win over Sydney Croatia in the match at the Olympic Village on Sunday.

Heidelberg now has scored six goals — the same number as Sydney Croatia which is well ahead in the top five.

Although Graham Arnold and Robbie Slater, the two Croatia strikers, are in the Socceroo Squad, their potential has been restricted in recent games by a pedestrian mid-field.

To add bite to its attack, Vroatia replaced mid-fielder Mark Jones at half-time with Sean Ingham as a third forward.

Slater was twice foiled by desperate defending from Steve Douglas and Allan Scott while another shot from Ingham barely cleared the crossbar.

But Heidelberg never looked like losing the match, with Willie Raynes running riot on the wing, John Stewart anchoring the mid-field and Douglas

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MAN OF THE MATCH:
● *WILLIE RAYNES*

Preston continues climb

MELB. JUST 1 (Deankovic 27th) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 2 (Spink 23rd, Markovski 35th)

PRESTON continued its steady climb up the table by winning an intriguing tussle at Schintler Reserve 2-1 against Melbourne JUST on Sunday.

All three goals came in the first half, but although scoreless, the second half proved equally hectic.

Each team finished the match with 10 men after Drago Deankovic and Steve Smith were sent off for exchanging blows in the 68th minute.

Preston opened the scoring after 23 minutes following a long throw from the left by Andrew Zinni. Deankovic misjudged the bounce allowing Warren Spink to head the ball home from inside the six metre box.

Deankovic made up for his mistake by levelling the scores two minutes later, following a hand ball offence by Bill Piculovski just outside the right side of the box.

Milan Dimoski got a touch to the low free-kick by Oscar Crino and Deankovic was able to prod the ball into the net at the far post.

Preston regained the lead in the 35th minute when John Markovski unleashed a powerful left-foot drive from 30m which caught Zoran Nikitovic by surprise and ended up in the net, despite the keeper's touch on the ball.

Melbourne JUST pinned Preston in its own half for most of the second period and came close to scoring when Ernie Tapai's cross from the right was met by Crino, but the Socceroo's header hit the corner of the bar.

Steve Smith replaced Zinni in the 59th minute but the Preston striker only lasted nine minutes after tripping Deankovic and receiving a punch in the mouth in retaliation.

Adelaide referee Jim Rossis waited for Smith to receive attention then sent both players off.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● *JOHN MARKOVSKI*

There was a long delay before both players cleared the field but, instead of adding injury time, Rossis finished the match 25 seconds short of the normal 90-minute period.

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Marconi hammers Blacktown

MARCONI 4 (Nastevski 19th, 37th, McCulloch 41st, Colagiuri 68th) BLACKTOWN 1 (Jee 56th)

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● *ZLATKO NASTEVSKI*

NATIONAL leader Marconi maintained its position by hammering the Blacktown City defence in a 4-1 win at Marconi Stadium on Saturday night.

Elegant midfielder Zlatko Nastevski was Marconi's hero, scoring the first two goals to lift his season's tally to eight and supplyingthe pass that enabled Tom McCulloch to net the third.

Blacktown missed the power of suspended first-choice strikers Lawrie McKinna andJason van Blerk, but it was unlikely their presence would have given the Demons any

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OUR ACTION-PACKED PICTURE PAGE

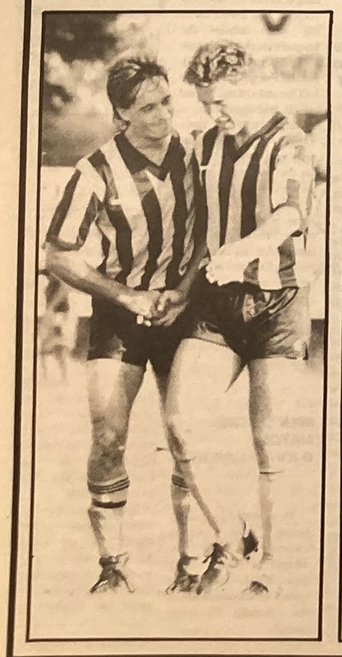
● *Top left: Georgie's Mark Lennon moves in to tackle Croatia's Joe Caleta. Picture Costa Koutropoulos.*

● *Top right: Thomastown's Andy Higgins towers over Mick Colina and Dennis Morovic of St Albans.*

● *Bottom left: Steve Douglas, one of Heidelberg's successes, congratulates Phil Stubbins on his goal.*

● *Middle: Goalscorer Drago Deankovic of JUST salutes the Preston fans.*

● *Right: Heidelberg mid-field dynamo John Stewart.*



PROVISIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

ROUND ONE
Saturday April 1st 1989
Monash Uni v Cranbourne
Sth Dandenong v Glenroy
St Kilda/East Altona v Brintons
Ballarat v Port United
Ascot St Marks v Sth Springv
Lalor v Uni of Melb
Frankston Un v Forest H

ROUND TWO
Saturday April 8th
Uni of Melb v Frankston Un
Sth Springv v Lalor
Port Un v Ascot St Marks
Brintons v Ballarat
Glenroy v St K/East Altona
Forest Hill v Monash Un
Cranb v Sth Dandenong

ROUND THREE
Saturday April 15th
Sth Dandenong v Monash Un
St K/East Altona v Cranb
Ballarat v Glenroy
Ascot St Marks v Brintons
Lalor v Port United
Frankston Un v Sth Springv
Uni of Melb v Forest H

ROUND FOUR
Saturday April 22nd
Sth Springv v Uni of Melb
Port United v Frank Un
Brintons v Lalor
Glenroy v Ascot St Marks
Forest Hill v Sth Dand
Cranbourne v Ballarat
Monash Uni v St K/East Altona

ROUND FIVE
Saturday April 29th
St K/East Altona v Sth Dand
Ballarat v Monash Uni
Ascot St Marks v Cranb
Lalor v Glenroy
Frankston Un v Brintons
Uni of Melb v Port Un
Sth Springv v Forest Hill

ROUND SIX
Saturday May 6th
Port Un v Sth Springv
Brintons v Uni of Melb
Glenroy v Frankston Un
Forest Hill v St K/East Alt
Cranbourne v Lalor
Monash Uni v Ascot St Marks
Sth Dandenong v Ballarat

ROUND SEVEN
Saturday May 13th
Ballarat v St Kilda/East Alt
Ascot St Marks v Sth Dand
Lalor v Monash Uni
Frankston Un v Cranbourne
Uni of Melb v Glenroy
Sth Springv v Brintons
Port United v Forest H

ROUND EIGHT
Saturday May 20th
Brintons v Port Un
Glenroy v South Springv
Forest Hill v Ballarat
Cranbourne v Uni of Melb
Monash Uni v Frankston Un
Sth Dand v Lalor
St K/East Altona v Ascot St Marks

ROUND NINE
Saturday May 27th
Ascot St Marks v Ballarat
Lalor v St K/East Altona
Frankston Un v Sth Dand
Uni of Melb v Monash Uni
Sth Springv v Cranb
Port United v Glenroy
Brintons v Forest Hill

ROUND TEN
Saturday June 3rd
Glenroy v Brintons
Forest Hill v Ascot St Marks
Cranb v Port United
Monash Uni v Sth Springv
Sth Dand v Uni of Melb
St K/East Altona v Frank Utd
Ballarat v Lalor

ROUND ELEVEN
Saturday June 10th Queens Birthday
Lalor v Ascot St Marks
Frank Un v Ballarat
Uni of Melb v St K/East A
Sth Springv v Sth Dand
Port Un v Monash Univ
Brintons v Cranbourne
Glenroy v Forest Hill

ROUND TWELVE
Saturday June 17th
Forest Hill v Lalor
Cranb v Glenroy
Monash Uni v Brintons
Sth Dand v Port Un
St K/East Altona v Sth Sp
Ballarat v Uni of Melb
Ascot St M v Frankst Un

ROUND THIRTEEN
Saturday June 24th
Franks Un v Lalor
Uni of Melb v Ascot St Marks
Sth Springv v Ballarat
Port Un v St K/East Altona
Brintons v Sth Dand
Glenroy v Monash Uni
Forest Hill v Cranb

ROUND FOURTEEN
Saturday July 1st
Cranb v Monash Uni
Glenroy v Sth Dandenong
Brintons v St K/East Alt
Port Un v Ballarat
Sth Springv v Ascot St M
Uni of Melb v Lalor
Forest Hill v Frank Un

ROUND FIFTEEN
Saturday July 8th
Frank Un v Uni of Melb
Lalor v Sth Springv
Ascot St Marks v Port Un
Ballarat v Brintons
St K/East Alt v Glenroy
Monash Uni v Forest H
Sth Dand v Cranbourne

ROUND SIXTEEN
Saturday July 15th
Monash Uni v Sth Dand
Cranb v St K/East Alt
Glenroy v Ballarat
Brintons v Ascot St M
Port United v Lalor
Sth Springv v Franks Un
Forest Hill v Uni of Melb

ROUND SEVENTEEN
Saturday July 22nd
Uni of Melb v Sth Springv
Frankston Un v Port Un
Lalor v Brintons
Ascot St M v Glenroy
Sth Dandy v Forest H
Ballarat v Cranbourne
St K/East Altona v Monash University

ROUND EIGHTEEN
Saturday July 29th
Sth Dand v St K/East Altona
Monash Uni v Ballarat
Cranb v Ascot St Marks
Glenroy v Lalor
Brintons v Frank Un
Port United v Uni of Melb
Forest H v Sth Springv

ROUND NINETEEN
Saturday August 5th
Sth Springv v Port Un
Uni of Melb v Brintons
Frank Un v Glenroy
St K/East Altona v Forest H
Lalor v Cranbourne
Ascot St Marks v Monash University
Ballarat v Sth Dandenong

ROUND TWENTY
Saturday August 12th
St K/East Altona v Ballarat
Sth Dandenong v Ascot St M
Monash Uni v Lalor
Cranb v Frank Un
Glenroy v Uni of Melb
Brintons v Sth Springv
Forest Hill v Port Un

ROUND TWENTY-ONE
Saturday August 19th
Port Un v Brintons
Sth Springv v Glenroy
Ballarat v Forest H
Uni of Melb v Cranbourne
Frankston Un v Monash Un
Lalor v Sth Dandenong
Ascot St M v St K/East Alt

ROUND TWENTY-TWO
Saturday August 26th
Ballarat v Ascot St M
St K/East Alt v Lalor
Sth Dand v Frank Un
Monash Un v Uni of Melb
Cranb v Sth Springv
Glenroy v Port Un
Forest Hill v Brintons

ROUND TWENTY-THREE
Saturday September 2nd
Brintons v Glenroy
Ascot St M v Forest H
Port Un v Cranb
Sth Springv v Monash Uni
Uni of Melb v Sth Dand
Frank Un v St K/E Altona
Lalor v Ballarat

ROUND TWENTY-FOUR
Saturday September 9th
Ascot St M v Lalor
Ballarat v Frank Un
St K/East Alt v Uni of Melb
Sth Dand v Sth Springv
Monash Uni v Port Un
Cranbourne v Brintons
Forest Hill v Glenroy

ROUND TWENTY-FIVE
Saturday September 16th
Lalor v Forest Hill
Glenroy v Cranbourne
Brintons v Monash Uni
Port Uni v Sth Dand
Sth Springv v St K/E Alt
Uni of Melb v Ballarat
Frank Un v Ascot St Marks
ROUND TWENTY-SIX
Saturday September 23rd

Saturday September 23rd
Lalor v Frank Un
Ascot St Marks v Uni of Melb
Ballarat v Sth Springv
St K/East Alt v Port Un
Sth Dand v Brintons
Monash Uni v Glenroy
Cranb v Forest Hill

THOMASTOWN 1989

● *Back row left to right: Frank Simuvic, Drazan Bozic, Velimir Kupresak, Zelko Gagula, Mick Colina, Sveto Rastocic, Robert Dragovic. Front row: Danny Dezic, Eddie Kuzman, Ante Maretic, Mate Grgic, Mick Macasevic, Dennis Morovic, Branko Culina (coach).*

AMATEUR LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

ROUND ONE
Sunday April 2nd
East Rich v Balwyn City
Latrobe Uni v North Un
Oakleigh Un v Wav Wand
Keilor Un v Phillip Inst
Anstey Un v Hawth Un
Colling'w City v Diggers Rest

ROUND TWO
Sunday April 9th
Hawth Un v Coll'w City
Phillip Ins v Anstey Un
Wav Wand v Keilor Un
North Un v Oakl Un
Diggers R v East Richm
Balwyn City v Lat Uni

ROUND THREE
Sunday April 16th
Latrobe Uni v East Richm
Oakl Un v Balwyn City
Keilor Un v North Un
Anstey Un v Wav Wand
Coll'w C v Phillip In
Hawth Un v Diggers Rest

ROUND FOUR
Sunday April 23rd
Phillip Inst v Haw Un
Wav Wand v Coll'w City
Northern Un v Anstey Un
Diggers R v Latr Uni
Balwyn C v Keilor Un
East Richm v Oakl Un

ROUND FIVE
Sunday April 30th
Oakl Un v Latrobe Uni
Keilor Un v East Richm
Anstey Un v Balwyn City
Collingw C v North Un
Hawth Un v Wav Wand
Phillip Inst v Diggers Rest

ROUND SIX
Sunday May 7th
Wav Wand. v Phillip Inst
North Un v Hawth Un
Diggers Rest v Oakl Un
Balwyn C v Coll'w City
East Richm v Anstey Un
Latrobe Un v Keilor Un

ROUND SEVEN
Sunday May 14th
Keilor Un v Oakl Un
Anstey Un v Latrobe Uni
Coll'w C v East Richm
Hawth Un v Balwyn City
Phillip Inst v Nth Un
Wav Wand v Diggers Rest

ROUND EIGHT
Sunday May 21st
North Un v Wav Wand
Diggers R v Keilor Un
Balwyn C v Phillip Inst
East Rich v Hawth Un
Latrobe Uni v Coll'w C
Oakl Un v Anstey Un

ROUND NINE
Sunday May 28th
Anstey Un v Keilor Un
Coll'w City v Oakl Un
Hawth Un v Lat Uni
Phillip Inst v East Rich
Wav Wand v Balwyn City
Northern Un v Diggers R

ROUND TEN
Sunday June 4th
Diggers R v Anstey Un
Balwyn C v North Un
Latrobe Un v Phillip Inst
Oakl Un v Hawth Un
Keilor Un v Coll'w C
East Richm v Wav Wand

ROUND ELEVEN
Sunday June 11th
Coll'w C v Anstey Un
Hawth Un v Keilor Un
Phillip Inst v Oakl Un
Wav. Wand v Latrobe Un
North Un v East Richm
Diggers R v Balwyn C

ROUND TWENVE
Sunday June 18th
Balwyn C v East Richm
Nth Un v Latrobe Uni
Wav Wand v Oakl Un
Phillip In v Keilor Un
Hawth Un v Anstey Un
Diggers R v Coll'w C

ROUND THIRTEEN
Sunday June 25th
Coll'w C v Hawth Un
Anstey Un v Phill Inst
Keilor Un v Wav Wand
Oakl Un v North Un
East Richm v Digg R
Latrobe Univ v Balwyn C

ROUND FOURTEEN
Sunday July 2nd
East Rich v Latrobe Uni
Balw City v Oakl Un
North Un v Keilor Un
Wav Wand v Anstey Un
Philli Inst v Coll'w C
Digg Rest v Hawth Un

ROUND FIFTEEN
Sunday July 9th
Hawth Un v Phillip In
Coll'w C v Wav Wand
Anstey Un v North Un
Latrobe Un v Diggers R
Keilor Un v Balwyn C
Oakl Un v East Richm

ROUND SIXTEEN
Sunday July 16th
Latrobe Uni v Oakl Un
East Richm v Keilor Un
Balwyn C v Anstey Un
North Un v Coll'w C
Wav Wand v Hawth Un
Diggers R v Phill Inst

ROUND SEVENTEEN
Sunday July 23rd
Phill Inst v Wav Wand
Hawth Un v North Un
Oakl Un v Digg R
Coll'w C v Balw C
Anstey Un v East Richm
Keilor Un v Latrobe U

ROUND EIGHTEEN
Sunday July 30th
Oakl Un v Keilor Un
Lat Uni v Anstey Un
East Richm v Coll C
Balwyn C v Hawth Un
Nth Un v Phillip In
Digg Rest v Wav Wand

ROUND NINETEEN
Sunday August 6th
Wav Wand v North Un
Keilor Un v Digg R
Phillip In v Balwyn C
Hawth Un v East Richm
Coll'wood C v Latrobe U
Anstey Un v Oakl Un

ROUND TWENTY
Sunday August 13th
Keilor Un v Anstey Un
Oakl Un v Coll C
Latrobe Un v Hawth Un
East Rich v Ph Inst.
Balwyn C v Wav Wand
Diggers R v North Un

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DETAILS

THOMASTOWN 1 (Carfora 22nd ST.ALBANS
At Partridge Reserve, Saturday. Referee J.Fearn.
Caution Di Martino, Cristaldo(T), Rastocic (St.A)
THOMASTOWNG: *Raponi - Mihailidis, Pianalto, Higgins, McMillan - Mihos, Di Martino (Cristaldo 42nd), Dougherty, Sinclair - Carfora, Athersych.*
Coach Frank McAleer.
ST.ALBANS: *Grgic - Simuvic, Bozic, Colina, Macasevic - Kuzman, Rastocic, Kupresak, Gagula - Morovic, Dezic.*
Coach Branko Culina.
Ansett best player award; Mihos (T) 3, Colina (S) 2, Athersych (T) 1.

JUVENTUS 2 (Herd 25th, Minichiello 46th) CROYDON CITY 1 (Brimmer 15th)
At Olympic Park, Saturday. Referee J.Santa Isabel.
JUVENTUS: *Laumets - Marley, Della Rocca (Di Amicis HT), Ivanoski, Lane - Belic, Herd, Patterson, Minichiello - Klepac (Glockner 70th), Egan.*
Coach Manfred Schaefer.
CROYDON CITY: *M.Runje - Langsbury, Dobson, Breck, Roodhouse (McIntosh 75th) - Brown, Gabrielson, van Egmond, Brimmer - Humble, Quigley (Field 75th).*
Coach Ian Dobson.
Ansett best player award; Herd (J) 3, Brimmer (C) 2, Minichiello (J) 1.

MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Basara 78th) ALTONA GATE 0
At North Crinigan Reserve, Saturday.
Referee C.Bambridge.
MORWELL FALCONS: *Reynolds - Walsh, Bruns, Byrne, Bingham - Doyle, Nelson, Basara, Cassar - Sokoluk, McBride.* Coach Bobby McLachlan.
ALTONA GATE: *Lee - Ilioski, Byrne, Markovski, Momirovski - Nicoski (Davis 80th), Kebakoski, Aslimoski Georgievski (Micevski 72nd), McMillan, Ristovski.*
Coach Bill Murray.
Ansett best player award; Reynolds (M) 3, Ristovski (A) 2, Nelson (M) 1.

BULLEEN 2 (Bozikas 20th, Lujic 56th) CAULFIELD CITY 1 (Theoharous pen. 71st)
At Veneto Club, Sunday. Referee J.Rutter.
Caution Filipou(C)
BULLEEN: *Contini - Marsan, Curulli, Krajacic, Ruccia - Livingstone, Troglric, Angele, Bozikas - Milosevic (Sella 84th), Lujic.* Coach Tony Vrzina.
CAULFIELD CITY: *Madjer - Bitsonis, Dimovski, Fattore, Kountouris - Theoharous, Filipou, Drakeford, Baldwin (Zolotarev 61st) - Aretis, Deligiannis.*
Coach Jim Condilis.
Ansett best player award; Lujic (B) 3, Contini (B) 2, Madjer (C) 1.

GREEN GULLY 1 (Farquharson 80th) SPRINGVALE CITY 0
At Gully Reserve, Sunday. Referee J.Fokianos.
Caution Bell(SC).
GREEN GULLY: *Sant-Napoli, McClelland, Cutler, Grimaud - McMillan, Wilson, Farquharson, Pender (Chetcuti 70th) - Daley, Smart.* Coach Willie Vassallo.
SPRINGVALE CITY: *Brian - Rolliman, Bryden Bissinger, Whyte - Reilly, Kral, Bell, Livingstone - Armstrong, Verechia.* Coach Gus Macleod.
Ansett best player award; Cutler (G) 3, Bell (S) 2, Farquharson (G) 1.

BOX HILL 2 (McAleer 33rd, McArthur pen. 68th) NORTHCOTE CITY 1 (Woodall 36th).
At Wembley Park, Sunday. Referee N.Zahariadis.
Caution Woodall(N).
BOX HILL: *McKinlay - McMorrow, Dimetrious, McLeod, Cooper - Kennedy (Ham 65th), Hanley, Egan, McArthur - McAleer (Christie 76th), Thomas.* Coach John Brown.
NORTHCOTE CITY: *Turudia - Leonardos, Harris, Palmaricciotti, N.Constantinou (Thodis 75th) - Bekiaris (Tsangas HT), Woodall, P.Constantinou, Kouremenos - Gilder, J.Constantinou.*
Coach Jim Pyrgolios.
Ansett best player award; Cooper (B) 3, McKinlay (B) 2, Woodall (N) 1.

RINGWOOD CITY 3 (Davie 51st, 74th, Kennedy 71st). FRANKSTON PINES 3 ((Sweeney 42nd, Stirton 64th, Watson 69th).
At Jubilee Park, Sunday. Referee B.Grant. Sent off Ally Dick. Cautions Wemyss(R), Stirton(F).
RINGWOOD CITY: *Blackley - Wemyss, McGuigan, Cumming, Kennedy - May, Castello, Corvan, Maguire - Davie, Cocker.* Coach Hans Petersen.
FRANKSTON PINES: *Kiss - McDonagh, Ferris, Drinoczky, Watson - Dick, Irvine (Donaghy 75th), McMinimee, Miller - Stirton, Sweeney (Bothwell 75th).*
Coach Joe Sweeney.
Ansett best player award; Watson (F) 3, Davie (R) 2, Miller (F) 1.

MARIBYRNONG 1 (Bonk 60th) FAWKNER 1 (Sabatino 50th).
At Churchill Reserve. Referee J.Fraser. Cautions Czapnik, Belegrinos(M), Ferla(F).
MARIBYRNONG: *Kostrazewa - Roksandic, Blichartz, Innes, Farrugia - Belegrinos, Watson, Czapnik, Baran - de Bono (Temos 70th), Bonk.* Coach Jim McIntyre.
FAWKNER: *Barba - Tabacco, Petricca, Ferla, Schipano, Cosentino - Sabatino, Soumelidis (Hanna 80th), Ferrer (Marchett 55th), Stenson - Tuffield.*
Coach John Colangele.
Ansett best player award; Bonk (M) 3, Stenson (F) 2, Sabatino (F) 1.

STATE LEAGUE LADDER

BOX HILL	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
BULLEEN	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
JUVENTUS	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
GREEN GULLY	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Morwell Falcons	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Thomastown	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Frankston Pines	1	0	1	0	3	3	1
Ringwood City	1	0	1	0	3	3	1
Fawkner	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Maribyrnong	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Caulfield City	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Croydon City	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Northcote City	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Altona Gate	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
St.Albans	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Springvale City	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES RESULTS

JUVENTUS 5 CROYDON CITY 1
MORWELL FALCONS 0 ALTONA GATE 1
THOMASTOWN 1 ST.ALBANS 1
BULLEEN 2 CAULFIELD CITY 0
MARIBYRNONG 0 FAWKNER 3
GREEN GULLY 5 SPRINGVALE CITY 0
BOX HILL 2 FRANKSTON PINES 0
RINGWOOD CITY 2 FRANKSTON PINES 0

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THE best player in the State League will win a trip for two to the Gold Coast, flying Ansett, of course.

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Leaders after Round One

3. Bonk (mar)
   Cooper (B. Hill
   Cutler (G.G)
   Herd (Juve)
   Lujic (Bull)
   Mihos (Thom)
   Reynolds (M.F.)
   Watson (Pines)
2. Bell (S'vale)
   Brimmer (Croy)
   Colina (St.A)
   Contini (Bull)
   Davie (Ring)
   McKinlay (B. Hill)
   Ristovski (Alt)
   Stenson (Fakw)
1. Athersych (Thom)
   Farquharson (G.G.)
   Madjer (Caul.)
   Miller (Pines)
   Minichiello (Juve)
   Nelson (M.F.)
   Sabatino (Fawk)
   Woodall (North)

BOX HILL SHOCKS NORTHCOTE

● Ringwood & Pines in 6 goal thriller
● Gully & Falcons impressive

● STATE LEAGUE by BRIAN JAMES

THE 1989 State League season kicked off in soaring temperatures last Saturday, but despite the heat, there were some engrossing tussles.

Pride of Place must go to John Brown's Box Hill team.

Despite playing for the lowest wages in the League, and undeterred by the threat from the Council of expulsion from Wembley Park, the Hillmen provided the first shock of 1989 by beating big-spending Northcote City.

Box Hill travels to Caulfield this week, and could win again.

Caulfield didn't sign Andy O'Dell as expected and almost got into trouble over the transfer of Kenny Drakeford.

Morwell Falcons were mystified that Drakeford played for Caulfield at the weekend and were all set to protest, but it appears Caulfield were in the clear.

They lodged the forms along with the transfer fee at Soccer House, but Soccer House didn't notify Falcons.

Luckily for all concerned, Caulfield lost anyway, so nobody protested.

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JUVENTUS got away to a start, turning on the style to defeat Croydon City and I'll bet nobody nobody was more pleased with the result than Willie Herd who not only scored the opening goal, but was jugdged the best man on the ground.

Thanks to road restrictions for Moomba, it was nearly impossible to reach the ground, but those who did achieve it enjoyed the game.

Juventus goes to Frankston Pines on Sunday, a match that could be another high-class affair.

Pines drew with Ringwood last week in a thrill a minute affair and did well to hold out for the last half-hour after losing 1986 Rothmans Medal Winner Ally Dick who was sent off.

Ally's lucky that there isn't a Rothmans Medal dinner this year, and he can leave the tuxedo in moth-balls.

At Jubilee Park, player-coach Joe Sweeney opened the scoring just before half-time and JohnDavie levelled six minutes into the second term.

Pines must have thought they had the game in the bag when Ian Stirton and Graham Watson put them 3-1 ahead, but Ringwood hit back with two goals in three minutes for a well-deserved draw.

Ringwood goes to Altona this Saturday to tackle the other newly-promoted team, which should provide us with a vonvenient yard-stick for comparison.

Ringwood is one of my fancies for the to four, but Bobby McLachlan, whose Falcons narrowly beat Altona last Saturday says don't underestimate the 'Gate.

Don't underestimate the Falcons either, should be the clear signal from their win over Altona.

Bobby McLachlannever breathed a word to me about Darko Basara (dark horse would be more like it) who scored the winner

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Brian James

and now it transpires is an experienced player from Yugoslavia, over here on a holiday visa.

Falcons look a very workmanlike side on paper, and it wil certainly be therebouts at the end of the season.

Falcons travel to Fawkoner and should win again.

St Albans new coach Branko Culina didn't hang up his boots for very long, he was back in action in the second-half of the game against Thomastown.

He was disappointed that the Saints didn't get at least a point, creating six clear-cut chances without being able to get the ball past Maro Raponi in the Thomastown goal.

Raponi has been between the sticks for Thomastown for ten years now, and a save early in the first half showed that his reflexes are still working as well as ever.

St Albans takes on Green Gully at home this week, whilst Thomastown travels to Northcote.

THE WEEKEND'S GAMES:

Saturday: Altona Gate v. Ringwood City, Caulfield City v Box Hill, St Albans v Green Gully, Northcote City v Thomastown.

Sunday

Frankston Pines v Juventus, Croydon City v Bulleen, Springvale City v Maribyrnong, Fawkner v Morwell Falcons.

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Marconi Hammers Blacktown

show against the form team in the country at the moment.

On Saturday's display the big surprise is that Marconi has only Steve Calderan in the national squad, and even he is a recent arrival.

It took Marconi just 19 minutes to start the scoring, with Nastevski delivering a perfectly executed left-foot lob over the head of a committed Blacktown goalkeeper, Steve Watson.

One of Blacktown's rare opportunities arrived four minutes later, but midfielder Ralph Maier was slow to settle on a shot.

Marconi continued to hold the upper hand with defender Jean-Paul de Marigny lobbing one onto the cross bar.

In the 37th minute it was the brilliant Nastevski who guided his shot under Watson for his second goal.

Not content with that it was only four minutes later when he lifted the ball right into the path of a goal-bound McCulloch, who darted in to neatly net Marconi's third.

Whilst Nastevski was starring every man in the Marconi side pulledhis weight.

Steve Jee pulled one goal back for Blacktown 11 minutes after the resumption with a left-foot poke which took a slight deflection to elude Marconi goalkeeper, Bob Catlin.

But by the 68th minute Vince Colagiuri, who had replaced injured Fred de Jong, scored from a de Marigny pass for a final 4-1 scoreline.

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'BERGERS BOUNCE BACK

and Scott starring in defence.

Heidelberg maintained its slick moves despite losing right-back Peter Bordignon through injury in the 24th minute.

John Kanesoulis, who replaced Bordignon, contributed significantly to the victory by clearing a header from Arnold off the goal-line in the 62nd minute.

Rozic was sound as usual in Croatia's defence but was helpless against a Raynes' cross which striker Phil Stubbins lobbed over goal-keeper Tony Franken for the first goal in the 44th minute.

Because Raynes had been dominating the left wing, Croatia replaced his marker Ivan Petkovic with David Rezo just after half-time.

The second goal came in the 81st minute and again it was a cross from Raynes that created the opening.

Stubbins shot was blocked by Franken and Heidelberg defender Nick Ousalkas scored from teh rebound.

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DOG DAY AFTERNOON

DIVISION 1 Afternoon is a new division, but anyone looking for a quiet time, or an after-lunch nap, had better stay clear of it. Competition will be non-stop and ruthless, as the clubs involved are very evenly matched in both skill and determination.

The likely line-up is: Coomoora Spiders, Flamingo, Glenroy Doxa United, Hampton Park United, Melbourne Rumania, Rowville United, Springvale Eagles, Thomastown United, Windsor; and Youth United.

One feature of this division is that seven of the 10 clubs have been around for less than three seasons. Flamingo, Windsor and Melbourne Rumania (formerly Dandy Dynamo) entered the league in 1987, while Coomoora Spiders, Thomastown United, Hampton Park United all made their debuts last year.

Glenroy Doxa is the oldest of the clubs, having joined the league in 1979, and is followed by Rowville United, 1980, and Springvale Eagles (then Dandenong Condors) in 1983.

Still, very few of the younger clubs have any respect for their elders, and none of the three senior citizens can expect any consideration.

Glenroy Doxa United had instant success, being a run-away winner of the 1979 Division Four North championship, and continued its good form into 1980 when it headed the Division Three West table. Promoted to Division Two, Doxa was runner-up in 1981, but found the going harder, finishing second last in Division One the following year.

But it had some consolation in taking out the first of its Invitation Cup wins, a win it was to repeat in each of the next four years.

Returning to Division One in 1984, Doxa finished a creditable seventh, was division runner-up with both its Firsts and Reserves in 1985, was again Division One runner-up in 1986 and Division One Reserves champion.

Its reserves were again champions in 1987, the First team again was Division One runner-up, and was the League Cup Finalist.

1988 was not such a good year, as its Firsts team dropped to second-last, and its Reserves to fifth, but the reserves did take out their sixth Invitation Cup.

With the arrival of two or three class players during the closed season Doxa should again perform well in its new company.

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Hampton Park United burst onto the scene last year. Having been allocated to fill a casual vacancy in Division 1 Morning, the Parkers quickly established themselves as a force to be reckoned with, finishing runners-up with both their First Team and their Reserves. Possessing, as it does, a mixture of genuine talent and a fierce will to win, Hampton Park could well come away with the Division 1A championship.

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Windsor was formed in 1987, the joint brain-child of Tony Mamouzis and Con Nichols.

It quickly demonstrated that it was too good a side for its Division Four ranking, and after a fierce tussle with Dandy Dynamo, finished the season in the runner-up berth. It elected to join the new Division 2A in 1988 and, at the end, in one of the most even competitions, ran out champion with a comfortable fifth-point cushion. In addition, it won the League Cup, having accounted for some class opposition, including League Champions, Middle Park, on its way to the final.

Its reserves finished fourth.

This is another club which has picked up good players in the closed season, and it will be very hard to beat in 1989.

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Melbourne Rumania joined the league in 1987 as Dandy Dynamo. Like Windsor, it was a cut above its Division Four company, and duly won the championship.

It, too, elected to move into Division 2A in 1988, but its form was mixed.

Having twice headed the table during the season, it fell away over the last four rounds, and eventually finished fourth.

With not much known about its between-seasons recruiting, we find it hard to predict where Melbourne Rumania will go in 1989.

Siffice it to say that if its players strke and maintain their true form, it will take a very good side indeed to beat it.

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Rowville United was formed in 1980, won the Division Four East championship in 1981 and the 3 East Championship in 1982.

Over the next five seasons, it performed only moderately in Division Two (morning).

It was another of the clubs which chose to join the new Division 2A in 1988, and had immediate success both in recruitment and on the field.

Having at one point headed the ladder, it finished runner-up to Windsor, and took out the Division 2A Reserves Championship.

It, too, will be hard to beat in the coming season.

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Flamingo came into Division Two in 1987 and finished fourth with both its Firsts and Reserves teams.

It too, moved to Division 2A in 1988, and was another of the four teams which, at one point, headed this division. But its inconsistency cost it dearly, and it eventually finished fifth.

Its Reserves salvaged some pride, finishing runners-up to Rowville. This is another club which, if it can strike and maintain form, is capable of beating any opponent.

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Springvale Eagles spent the years 1983 through 1987 in the wilderness. It was not until last year, when it decided to adopt a youth policy, formed a Reserves Team and was allocated a vacancy in Division 2M, that it showed any real form.

Although its First team finished sixth, it took some very creditable scalps along the way, and its Reserves team took out the 2M Reserves championship.

The club feels that it can recruit much better in afternoon competition, and expects to do well this season.

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Coomoora Spiders features a lot of very young, but very talented, players.

In its first season, it did very well in Division 2M, with both its teams finishing fourth.

With the benefit of the experience they gained in 1988, all concerned at Coomoora Spiders look forward very confidently to this season.

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Youth United also performed very well in its first season, its First team finishing third, and its Reserves team sixth, in Division 2M.

Once again this is a clubwhose players are both young and talented.

After a season of very hard competition in 1988, both its teams should come out greatly improved and a danger to all-comers.

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Thomastown United its 1988 campaign very quietly, but finished like a house on fire.

It did so well over the second half of the season that, at one stage, it looked likely to go all the way to the top. In the event, however, it had to settle for third, but is not likely to be satisfied with such a lowly ranking in 1989.

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A CHANCE AT THE BIG TIME

Michael Zammit of Glenroy Doxa United and Tony Magdic of Highpoint have been given a chance to aim for top honors, after being signed by Sunshine George Cross and Melbourne Croatia, respectively.

Both Zammit (18) and Madic (19) have loads of natural ability, and a very good turn of speed. They are players with genuine potential and will be sorely missed from league ranks.

Both will start in their respective youth squads, but as one of the talent scouts said when collecting the transfer form: "We would not bother to recruit the lad from your competition unless we believed he had the ability to go all the way."

Good luck, Michael and Tony!

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Bell Park: G. Walker, S. McNeilage, C. Rhodes, L. Mazza, S. Scerri, G. Czapnik, G. Watters, D. Mills, T. Cummings, S. Jovanovic, M. Opperman.

Waverley lost this game in the first 15 minutes when Tommy Cummings tore them apart.

After 15 minutes Bell Park went two up when Perree had the ball taken off him and the cross fellto an unmarked Opperman who scored from six metres out.

It was all the visitors who had the wind at their backs and were making good use of it.

Centre back Alec Wilson tried to show his team mates where the goal was when he made a run from deep in his own half, only to lose the ball on the edge of the penalty area.

But he still followed the back pass in and nearly made something out of nothing but the goalkeeper managed to sloup the ball from his boot.

After the break, Waverley came at Bell Park which was star ting to look a little tired but Budd and Ratcliffe were not getting the service from their wide flanke men and the passes from midfield were woeful.

In one of its few forays up the ground, Bell Park was presented with an own goal when the ball was lobbed over Brdley's head as he came out to collect the ball.

There was some glimmer of hope when a Bell Park defender nearly headed the ball into his own net but the ball hit the underside of the bar and came out.

Waverley pulled one back when Radcliffe picked up a ball down the right, beat his man and a laid a perfect pass to the feet of Budd, who made no mistake.

With seven minutes to go Waverley should have got a second. In a desperate finish Parkin received the ball on the left. He was unmarked but his shot went across the face of the goal.

Bell Park deserved its win but there was a glimmer of hope for Waverley and Gary Radcliffe who made his debut for Waverley, looks to be an asset to the team.

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CLAYTON 3
SEAFORD 2

Seaford: Taylor, Kerr, Lees, Buick, Helmore, Giles, Inglis, Bryden, McKenna, Wall, Kane, Platt, Stafford.

Clayton: Mazzardo, Costabile, Potiris, Smith, Broxham, Di Iorio, Wells, Conti, Riccioni, Palleschi, Calenda, D'Angelo, Biondo.

IN hot, windy conditions it didn't take long for both teams to set up scoring chances.

In the first five minutes from a mark, Di Iorio corner Riccioni headed home Clayton's first goal after a goal-mouth scramble when the linesman indicated the ball had gone over the line. From then on it was end-to-end attacking football.

Minutes later Brydon, for Seaford, hit a cracking shot from 18 metres out to equalise.

The second half started at a fast pace even though both teams were feeling the effects of the heat.

A free kick by Clayton's D'Angelo produced Claytons second goal.

It didn't take long before Seaford bounced back with another shot from 20 metres out by Inglis which hit the inside of the post and bounced in to equalise again.

Seaford appeared to be strong and better organised but Clayton kept persisting.

A long pass from Clayton's full back Potiris to Palleschi, who shielded the ball from two Seaford players, ran on and beat two others and then ran round the keeper producing a great solo goal and the winner for Clayton.

In the last five minutes Clayton's control defender Smith was carried off with a leg injury but Clayton was able to hold on. All credit must be given to both teams for a great game of soccer.

Best Players: CLAYTON: Mazzarda, Palleschi, Broxham. SEAFORD: Inglis, Lees, McKenna.

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The Australian squad for the World Cup qualifier against New Zealand is as follows: Goalkeepers: Jeff Olver and Mike Gibson, Defenders: Wally Savor Graham Jennings, Charlie Yankos, Gary van Egmond, Andy Koczka, Steve Calderan and Alex Tobin, midfielders: Alan Davidson, Oscar Crino, Paul Wade, Mike Petersen forwards: Scott Ollerenshaw, Paul Trimboli, Robbie Slater, Graham Arnold, Warren Spink.

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UNDERDOGS STRIKES BACK

Croatia, whilst South Bounded back from an impending slump to convincingly defeat Olympic in Sydney.

Sydney Croatia probably fell victim to over-confidence at Olympic in Sydney.

Sydney Croatia probably fell victim to over-confidence at Olympic Village, but in a game where heart beat class, the 'Bergs never looked like losing after the aggressive Phil Stubbins had put them ahead.

Discarded strikers Phil Stubbins had put them ahead.

Discarded strikers Ossie Latif and Warren Spink rubbed their old clubs' noses in the dust too.

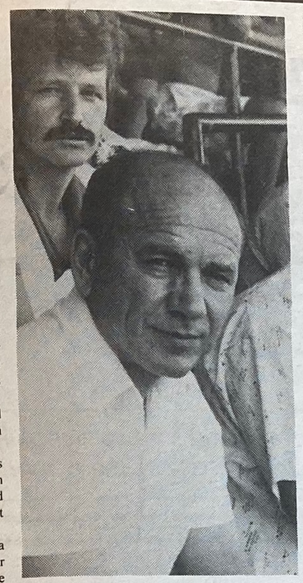
Latif stunned Croatia with two goals in four minutes, whilst Spink once again demonstrated his goal-poaching ability at JUST's expense.

His goal, along with a stunning strike by John Markovski was the last straw as far as JUST was concerned, as it slumped to second-bottom on the ladder.

Coach Ilija Dimoski, after a mere eight weeks in the country was sacked on Monday, and Ken Murphy was asked to take over in a caretaker capacity while JUST looked around for a replacement.

Actually JUST was unlucky to lose on Saturday, it dominated the second-half but its lack of punch up front told against it.

As we went to press the club was hoping to get Gary Cole released from his Canberra club for Saturday's game against George Cross.



● John Margarites (above) takes over at Melbourne JUST from Ilija Dimoski (left).

JUST will have to manage without Oscar Crino and Gary van Egmond for the game against the Cross, as they will be in action for the Socceroos against New Zealand in Sydney.

Had JUST been lucky enough to have three and not two Socceroos, it could have had its game called off.

Three NSL games, South Melbourne v Melbourne Croatia, St George v Blacktown and Sydney Croatia v APIA Leichhardt with be postponed under the three player rule (at least we presume as much, the NSL hadn't bothered to notify us).

Quite the most remarkable aspect of the Socceroo selection process is that the classiest team in country, Marconi, which has already scored 20 goals and is threatening to bolt away with the title as only one Socceroo member in its team and he is the newest, Steve Calderan, who probably won't play against New Zealand anyway.

guessed it, Gus Macleod.

Northcote City has gained sponsorship from Finer Fork Lift Services, which, the club says "has been very generous".

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SORRY, ANDY & GORAN

An apology is due to Andy O'Dell and Goran Runje, whose names were inadvertantly transposed whilst I was temporarily out of action last week.

And talking of being out of action, I want to extend our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Joe Caruso, who is recovering from a heart attack, and to Alan Stirling, who broke his arm in a traffic accident.

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VSF PROBE

that if I were in his shoes I would resign, but he isn't going to and that's that."

Talking to Board members I get the feeling that most want matters to come to a head now and get the scandal cleared up and out of the way so that they can get on with the job they were appointed to do... running soccer in Victoria.

But one member told me recently that he had been told to shut up and not be a trouble-maker.

"So I'm going to be keeping a low profile from now on," was his parting remark.

But whether he keeps a low profile or not, this skeleton in the cupboard won't go away until it has been properly buriend.

If it isn't, in a mere seven months time the administration could find itself facing an even stormier AGM than the last one turned out to be.

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coach Gus Macleod is a sales consultant.

The firm willupdate Springvale's lights in time for its match against Ringwood City which will be played on the night of Thursday, March 23.

The odd twist in this story is that Specialised Lamps boss Bill Nilne, who played for Brighton, was a few seasons back, assistant coach at Fawkner under, you've

AMATEUR LEAGUE

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ROUND TWENTY-ONE
Sunday August 20th
Anstey Un v Digg Rest
Nth Un v Balwyn C
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ROUND TWENTY-TWO
Sunday August 27th
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Oakl Un v Phillip Inst
Latrobe Uni v Wav Wand
Est Richm v North Un
Balwyn C v Diggers R

OVERSEAS NEWS

Letter to the Editor

Mr Les Shorrock
Soccer Star
Dear Les,

Another season of Victorian soccer is almost on us and still we have no National League club for the eastern suburbs fans.

This is after twelve seasons of the NSL! How can we eastern and south-eastern based fans be expected to support the league when every match is an away fixture for us?

Its about time the progressive elements (are there any?) in the game among our many Victorian League clubs got their heads right and planned a stadium of Middle Park standard in an easily accessible location in our part of the metropolis.

The time for grandiose dreams of going it alone into the big time is past. Dozens of penny anti clubs all outbidding each other with the hard-earned money of their small bands of supporters, are keeping the game at a low standard by spreading the limited supply of funds available for soccer in our community over too many units.

Sure, given 10, 15 or maybe 20 years one or two clubs may be able to fight their way to financial success and even compete at National level. But we've waited 12 years already, there's precious little indication of it happening in the next twelve unless we get some new thinking soon.
Signed Inpatient Soccer Fan — Knox

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE: Sheff. Wed. 3, Charlton 1.
Postponed: Coventry v. Arsenal, Liverpool v. West Ham, Manchester United v. Everton, Millwall v. Middlesbrough, Notts. For. v. Newcastle, QPR v. Luton, Southampton v. Norwich, Tottenham v. Aston Villa, Wimbledon v. Derby.
DIVISION TWO: Birmingham 0, Oxford 0; Bradford 1, Barnsley 2; Brighton 3, Blackburn 0; Palace 2, Bournemouth 5; Hull 1, Stoke 4; Ipswich 1, Swindon 2; Leicester 1, Walsall 0; Plymouth 0, Portsmouth 1; Watford 1, Man. City 0.
Postponed: Sunderland v. Chelsea.
Played Friday: Oldham 3, Shrewsbury 0.
Playing Sunday: West Bromwich v. Leeds.
DIVISION THREE: Bristol C. 3, Northampton 1; Bury 1, Gillingham 0; Cardiff 0, Mansfield 0; Chester 0, Bristol R. 2; Chesterfield 2, Southend 1; Fulham 1, Swansea 0; Huddersfield 2, Aldershot 1; Port Vale 1, Blackpool 0; Preston 5, Brentford 2; Reading 1, Notts C. 3, Wigan 1, Sheff. Utd. 2; Wolverhampton 3, Bolton 0.
DIVISION FOUR: Carlisle 1, Exeter 0; Crewe 3, Hartlepool 0; Darlington 2, Lincoln 11, Hereford 4, Peterborough 0, Orient 3, Burnley 0, Rotherham 1, Torquay 0; Scunthorpe 4, Rochdale 0, Stockport 2, Scarborough 2; York 1, Grimsby 2.
Played Friday: Halifax 2, Doncaster 0; Tranmere 2, Wrexham 1.
Playing Sunday: Cambridge v. Colchester.
SCOTTISH PREMIER: No matches scheduled.
SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE: Clyde 1, Ayr 0; Cowdenbeath 0, Dunfermline 1; Falkirk 0, Meadowbank 0; Forfar 1, St Johnstone 1; Kilmarnock 1, Airdrieonians 1; Morton 1, Partick 1; Raith 4, Queen of South 1.
DIVISION TWO: Albion 1, East Fife 2; Alloa 4, Stenhousemuir 0; Berwick 2, East Stirling 0; Cowdenbeath 1, Dumbarton 1; Queen's Park 2, Montrose 2; Stranzaer 1, Stirling 4.
Postponed: Brechin v. Arbroath.

ENGLISH LEAGUE
DIVISION TWO

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	17	10	4	64	32	61
Manc. C.	17	9	6	47	27	60
Blackburn	16	7	9	52	46	55
Watford	15	7	9	45	32	52
Bournemouth	15	5	11	37	36	50
West Bromwich	13	9	9	41	37	48
Stoke	13	9	9	41	47	48
Swindon	14	5	11	46	38	47
Ipswich	13	7	13	42	42	47
Leeds	12	10	10	43	43	46
Barnsley	12	9	11	43	43	45
C. Palace	11	11	9	41	38	44
Sunderland	11	9	12	39	38	42
Portsmouth	10	11	11	39	44	41
Leicester	10	8	14	47	48	38
Oxford	10	8	13	41	47	38
Hull	10	7	13	36	49	37
Plymouth	8	12	12	53	51	36
Oldham	10	6	14	44	49	36
Brighton	8	12	12	34	41	36
Bradford	8	12	12	34	41	36
Shrewsbury	4	10	18	27	54	27
Walsall	4	9	19	24	64	21
Birmingham	3	10	19	21	57	19

DIVISION THREE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolverhampton	20	7	13	66	29	67
Port Vale	17	7	8	54	28	58
Bury	15	9	8	51	40	54
Sheff. Utd	14	11	6	47	29	53
Preston	14	9	9	57	41	51
Bristol R.	13	11	8	49	34	50
Swansea	13	9	8	38	30	48
Chester	13	9	8	44	35	48
Fulham	13	6	12	48	49	45
Huddersfield	11	11	8	36	30	44
Mansfield	10	13	8	32	32	43
Bristol City	11	9	11	34	36	42
Brentford	10	10	9	40	38	40
Notts C.	10	10	9	36	37	40
Reading	10	8	12	43	47	38
Northampton	10	7	12	38	38	37
Blackpool	9	10	12	38	38	37
Cardiff	9	7	14	32	41	34
Bolton	7	10	14	35	45	31
Southend	9	4	18	30	64	31
Chesterfield	7	8	16	37	51	29
Wigan	5	8	18	29	56	23
Aldershot	5	8	18	29	54	23
Gillingham	4	9	18	22	57	21

DIVISION FOUR

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crewe	19	11	4	64	29	68
Scunthorpe	15	13	6	48	28	58
Scarborough	14	12	8	48	37	54
Tottenham	14	10	6	48	29	52
Tranmere	13	12	6	38	29	51
Wrexham	13	7	13	51	47	46
Lincoln	13	7	13	61	47	46
Exeter	14	4	13	44	42	46
L. Orient	12	6	13	54	52	42
Torquay	12	6	13	54	58	42
Burnley	11	8	13	54	54	41
Stockport	9	13	10	43	40	40
Grimsby	10	10	10	44	40	40
Cambridge	9	12	9	47	40	40
York	11	7	13	44	49	40
Halifax	10	8	13	57	51	38
Carlisle	10	8	12	39	39	38
Hereford	10	8	12	46	50	38
Hartlepool	10	7	12	29	45	37
Doncaster	10	7	13	37	43	37
Rochdale	8	9	14	38	58	33
Peterborough	8	9	14	32	55	33
Darlington	4	15	13	36	54	27
Colchester	5	9	15	34	56	24

SCOTTISH LEAGUE
DIVISION ONE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dunfermline	18	5	5	51	27	41
Airdrieonians	14	10	5	52	29	38
Clydebank	13	10	6	60	39	36
Falkirk	15	6	7	47	28	36
St Johnstone	12	8	9	37	32	32
Morton	12	8	9	37	37	32
Raith	10	11	7	36	30	31
Forfar	8	11	10	38	39	27
Kilmarnock	8	10	10	33	47	26
Ayr	9	7	13	43	58	25
Partick	6	11	12	44	49	24
Clyde	6	12	11	30	40	24
Meadowbank	6	8	13	29	39	20
Q. South	3	7	19	30	69	10

DIVISION TWO

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Albion	16	6	7	49	34	38
Queens Park	10	14	5	40	31	34
Brechin	11	11	5	54	33	33
Alloa	11	10	8	47	41	32
Stranraer	10	10	8	45	38	30
East Fife	11	8	10	45	43	30
Cowdenbeath	9	11	9	40	41	29
Montrose	10	9	10	37	40	29
Arbroath	10	7	11	35	37	27
E. Stirling	8	10	10	37	39	26
Dumbarton	6	9	12	40	45	21
Stenhousemuir	6	9	12	32	40	21
Berwick	6	7	15	30	45	19
Note: Cowdenbeath deducted two points for breach of rules.				35	51	19

World Soccer

World Cup: Asia Grp 5: China 2 (Baoshan 26' Ma Li 63') Bangladesh 0. Standings: China 4. Iran 4. Thailand 2. Bangladesh 0.
World Youth C'ship: Final: Portugal 2 (Silva 44' Couto 77') Nigeria 0. 3rd place play-off: Brazil 2 (Franca 66' De Araujo 69') USA 0.
Belgium: Div 1. Beerschot 1 Waregem 1. Racing Mechelen 1 Standard Liege 3. Jeme 1 Cercle Bruges 1. Lokeren 4 St. Truiden 2. FC Liege 2 Anderlecht 0. Charleroi 1 Antwerp 4. Club Bruges 3 Jeme 1.
East Germany: Div 1. Karl Marx Stadt 1 Carl Zeiss Jena 1. Gottbus 2 Rostock 2. ...ok Leipzig 0 Hertha 0. Dynamo Berlin 2 Wismut Aue 1. Zwickau 5 Union Berlin 1. Brandenburg 2 Erfurt 0. Dynamo Dresden 3 Magdeburg 0.
Leaders: Dynamo Dresden 26. Dynamo Berlin 19. Rostock 19.
Spain: Div 1. Sporting 0 Barcelona 2.
West Germany: B.Moenchengladbach 1. Waldhof 1. Bochum 1 Cologne 3. Eintracht 1 St. Pauli 1. Karlsruhe 1 Stuttgart K. 0. VfB Stuttgart 1 Bayern Munich 2. Hamburg 4 Hanover 1. Kaiserslautern 3 B.Dortmund 2. B.Leverkusen 1 Werder Bremen 0. Nuremberg 1 B.Uerdingen 0.
Standings: Bayern Munich 31. Cologne 28. Hamburg 26. Werder Bremen 25. B.Mnchngldbch 23. Karlsruhe 22. B.Leverkusen 22. VfB 21. St Pauli 21. Kaiserslutrn 20. B.Uerdingen 20. B.Dortmund 19. Vfl. Bochum 18. Nuremberg 18. Eintracht 15. Hanover 12. Stuttgart Kickrs 11. Waldhof M 11.

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